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SOCIETY NOTES.

The young people of the First Baptist church gave a very pleasant social Friday night. It was well attended.

Three small but pleasant tea parties were among the week's events. Indeed, the social functions, with one or two exceptions, were exclusively feminine.

In the salad element of society the need of a recognized leader is not apparent. The social impulse is very much alive, and needs a check-rein rather than a whip—a chaperon more than an engineer.

There has been a desire expressed to organize the singers of Astoria and form a social singing club. Such an organization, would not only be a helpful pleasure to the members, but would benefit all Astoria.

The presence of a contagious disease throws a damper on social enthusiasm, and there will be little to record next week in the local society bluebook. People may "dance if they die for it," but when it is small-pox that threatens they are prone to cultivate a Methodist foot.

There is a mild but sincere lament among many of Astoria's society ladies that there is no local Ward McAllister to incite and direct the social functions of the elect. The inactivity that is sometimes complained of would quickly disappear under the influence of a popular leader. The desirable thing is not obtrusive leadership, but a capable, pervading one. It is a position that has its own dangers, but "none but the brave deserve the fair."

Mrs. B. S. Worsley gave a tea Wednesday afternoon, entertaining the ladies of St. Agnes Guild and other lady friends. It was a charming party and the guests were numerous. Gracefully arranged plants and cut flowers made pleasing decorations, and the parlors were very pretty in detail and general effect. There were several enjoyable features, but the chief attraction was Mrs. Worsley's beautiful and valuable collection of hand-painted china, most of the pieces being her own work. Mrs. Worsley has few equals in the West as a decorator of china. A dainty lunch was served during the afternoon.

Following is the program given at the reception tendered to Rev. Dr. Peart and Mrs. Peart at the Methodist church Friday evening: March, "Maestoso," by the organist; invocation by S. C. Turner; address of welcome by Rev. Edw. Curran; response by Dr. Peart; anthem by the choir; vocal solo by Miss Halstead; vocal solo by Professor G. A. Thornton; vocal solo by Miss Gussie Gray. When the last number of the programme was concluded, the audience came forward to greet the new pastor and wife, and many were the words of cheer and congratulations heard on all sides. After greetings were over, refreshments were announced as ready and the ladies conducted their guests to dainty tables, upon which were discovered delicate food and refreshing drinks. At the conclusion of the repast, good-nights were said and all present took their departure with pleasant smiles and happy hearts.

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Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, had irrevocably committed themselves to war. Had Devonshire succeeded, Chamberlain's resignation would have been inevitable.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is also understood to be opposed to the war, principally because of his profound professional distrust of Chamberlain. When General Buller, after being designated as commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, went to Balmoral to take his official leave of his sovereign, the queen impressed upon him her hatred of war and her desire for its rapid termination. General Buller assured her majesty his conviction was that "the war will be troublesome but not dangerous."

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